scheme was not found environmentally compatible on account of its adverse effect on environment. The CEA accordingly advised the RSEB in April, 1985 to locate alternative site and re-submit the feasibility report. Based on the suggestions of Secretaries, Environment and Power, Govt. of India who visited alternative sites at Dholpur in June, 1990, the RSEB had submitted a revised feasibility report to the CEA in May, 1991, for setting up of a 3x250 MW Thermal Power Station, near Maroli Bichhia road at Dholpur. This site has also not been considered suitable on environmental consideration. The State Authorities have accordingly been advised in July, 1991, to select an alternative site in conformity with environmental guidelines. The Rajasthan State Authorities have, however, pressed for the present site. A team from the Ministry of Environment and Forests would be visiting the site soon. The proposal would be considered in the light of the findings of the team from Ministry of environment and Forests.

(d) and (e) Until the feasibility of the site is established, no comments on the cost can be made.

Clearance of Sharavati Tail Race Power Project

1129. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sharavati Tail Race Power Project in Karnataka is held up for want of environmental clearance; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same and what action has been taken in matter by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Environment and forest clearances of Sharavathi Tail Race Hydro Projects were accorded by Ministry of Environment and Forests on 28-6-82 and 22-9-86 respectively. Project was cleared by Planning Commission on 6-5-87 and subsequently various works of the project have been taken up. However, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India are reviewing the Environment and Forest clearance as desired by the High Court of Karnataka.

Mangalore Power Project

1130. SHRI J. P. JAVALI:
SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-U.S.S.R. Power Project of 2400 MW capacity at Nandikur, Mangalore is pending for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether as expected the Unit-I would be commissioned in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The proposal for setting up of Mangalore Super Thermal Power Project (2x210MW) at Nandikur in Karnataka by National Thermal Power Corporation require clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests from environmental/forest angle with specific reference to major issues like Fly Ash Utilisation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan and Ash Disposal Plan.

(c) The schedule of commissioning date for Unit-I of the project is 48 months after Placement of order for main plant equipment.